

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3-11 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 5, and 9 have been amended hereby. Claim 2 has been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claims 12 and 13 have been added. Claims 1, 9, and 12 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has found allowable subject matter in Claims 2-6, and that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite all the limitations of Claim 2, and Claim 2 has been cancelled. Therefore, amended independent Claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom, are submitted to be in condition of allowance.

Independent Claim 9 has been amended to recite features similar in many respects to the features recited in amended independent Claim 1. Therefore, amended independent Claim 9, and the claims depending therefrom, are submitted to be in condition of allowance.

New independent Claim 12 is being presented incorporating the subject matter of Claim 2 that the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Therefore, new independent Claim 12, and the claim depending therefrom, are submitted to be in condition of allowance.

Accordingly, this application is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

An early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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